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# CITY OF GAITHERSBURG MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2007 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

A meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order at 9:17 p.m., Chair Katz presiding. Commissioners present: Alster, Edens, Marraffa, Schlichting and Sesma. Staff present: City Manager Humpton, Planner Patula, City Attorney Borten and Executive Assistant Stokes.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Alster, seconded by Commissioner Edens, that the minutes of a Historic District Commission meeting held May 21, 2007, be approved.

Vote: 6-0

#### **CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

HAWP-108 Ollie Mumpower, Engineer Services Director for the City of Gaithersburg, Request to Install Entry Markers on Brookes and Walker Avenues

Planner Patula stated that the request proposes entry markers to be placed at 3 Walker, 7 Brookes, and 30 or 32 Walker. The markers are part of the larger entry marker project which encompasses Realty Park subdivision as well as the Brookes, Russell, Walker Historic District. It was noted that only the three mentioned markers required a formal historic area work permit since the remainder will be located outside the Historic District boundaries. The sign project emanated from a Neighborhood Charrette held in 2000 in which neighborhood identity was to be promoted. She stated that the markers, made of cast bronze with gold colored letters, will be 24 inches wide and 36 inches tall and will include the wheat sheaf symbol from the first City seal. On June 7, 2007, the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee held a public hearing on the above request and unanimously voted to recommend approval.

Motion was made by Historic District Commissioner Schlichting, seconded by Commissioner Marraffa, that the Historic District Commission grant approval of HAWP-108 and issue the Certificate of Approval, finding, based on the record before HPAC and for the reasons articulated by HPAC, that the application meets Secretary of Interior Standards One and Two and the Brookes, Russell, Walker Historic District Design Guidelines.

Vote: 6-0

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Historic District Commission, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>Doris R. Stokes</u>

Executive Assistant